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FINAL AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 December 1, 2003 (Monday after holiday)

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the final Official Action dated July 29, 2003, the period for responding having been extended one (1) month to November 29, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-referenced application.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.